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KUHIO AND PARTY ALLEGIANCE.

The sentiment expressed frequently during the past few days that Delegate Kuhio should be relegated to the ranks and the Republican nomination for delegate to congress offered elsewhere next fall is rapidly crystallizing, and the idea is growing that no one who assumes to hold himself above the party should be sanctioned by the party. Much depends upon Republican success in the election of a representative at Washington, much more than the simple elevation of Kuhio. Party success is not dependent upon him; his success is wholly dependent upon the party. When his actions are such as to imperil party prospects, he should be disciplined, the same as any other member of the party, and if he refuses to bend to the discipline, he should be either made to or be disowned. There is no room in the Republican party for a dictator.

The question of party lines is not important in Hawaii except when it comes to the question of the Washington representative. Then it is of paramount importance. In this respect The Advertiser has always stood as consistently Republican.

It is immaterial in many ways whether the mayor of this city be Republican or Democrat or whether the other city offices are filled with straight-ticket men or not. Capable men in office will serve the city well, no matter what their politics. Republican Bicknell, Democrat Trent, Republican Kalauokalani, Democrat Jarrett, each have served Honolulu well, and the question of politics has had nothing to do with the carrying out of their duties; but Kuhio as a Democrat would be of little service to this Territory, while as a Republican he has been able to do much. He accomplished things because he was a Republican, not because he was a prince.

The Republican party is bigger than any man. It can get along without Kuhio; but Kuhio, as a candidate for congress, can not get along without the party.

With his own hand he has cut the ties of party allegiance. He has disassociated himself from the party, and it is the work of the party now to get along without him.

BEGINNING OF THE END.

Jose Santos Zelaya, at bay, surrounded by revolutionists and threatened by America, has stepped down and out. His dictatorship is at an end, and the climax in modern, perhaps in all, Central American history is at hand. The long evolution that had its origin not only in colonial but even in pre-Colombian times and conditions, is rapidly maturing the final adjustment of isthmian America. When in 1821 the Central American provinces emancipated themselves from Spanish rule there was no thought of an independent political existence, but union was advocated with either of the two Spanish-American neighbors, Mexico and Colombia, or with the United States of America. Nothing came of this, and finally in 1823 the republic of the United States of Central America was proclaimed. It lasted sixteen years. Since then the history of isthmian America has been one long and weary effort at successful readjustment to the conditions of independent statehood. The peculiar physical conditions of Central America, the contrast between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, account for the circumstance that the population of the Central American republics from the earliest Indian times was always of the most heterogeneous kind, refractory to union even in times of storm and stress. In colonial times this utterly disjointed condition was further accentuated. Since 1839, when the federation went to pieces, there has been a cycle of what may be termed involution expressed in periodical civil conflicts between the liberal party striving for the reunion of the republics and the nationalists, or clerical party, that opposes such a union. This division exists in all the republics, with local modifications and subdivisions, and as soon as the administration is overthrown in one of the republics, all the others take sides and openly or covertly join in the fray; then the time is ripe for a "strong man" to appear, and he invariably comes to the "rescue"; whether his name be Carrera or Barrios, Cabrera or Zelaya. What may be expected from the dictator in the way of government can be gathered from a few simple figures. The statistics of Nicaragua, for instance, show that the population is made up as follows: Indian half-breeds, "ladinos," 50 per cent.; pure Indians, 23 per cent.; mulattoes and negroes, 16 per cent.; white, including about 1200 foreigners, 1 per cent. The total population of Nicaragua, inhabiting mostly the lake and Pacific region, is about 430,000.

It is quite unreasonable to expect the people of Central America, handicapped as they are in every way, to deal effectively and consistently with the situation that confronts them through the colossal disproportion between their own level and the importance of the regions they inhabit. Their ceaseless conflicts and turmoils are born of a violent fear of that eventual absorption toward which, in their very effort to balance themselves, they are rapidly drifting.

America must be the policeman for the republics, not only to guard them, but to make them behave.

FREE TRADE WITH CANADA.

A revival of talk concerning free trade between the United States and Canada has commenced, with the New York Herald leading the agitation. Canada has been willing to talk about free trade and reciprocity ever since the election of the Laurier government in 1896, the Canadians giving up the effort to secure reciprocity when their overtures for closer trade relations were twice turned down by the United States. At that time it was announced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that any further movement for reciprocity must commence south of the boundary line; that Canada had taken her last rebuff.

Since negotiations were broken off many American manufacturers have established branches in Canada, American capital has flown into Canadian development and thousands after thousands of American families have migrated to the Canadian prairies, where free land and a liberal land policy awaited them. At the same time American mills have found it necessary to import Canadian wheat to keep up with the demand upon them for flour; American paper manufacturers have been forced to turn to Canada for their pulp supply, the Canadians putting a prohibitory export duty on pulp wood and forcing the Americans to move their pulp plants north; and American smelters have their ore and coke buyers in numbers in the Canadian West.

Every year the trade back and forth across the border has grown, Canada profiting most in the exchange, as much of her imports are of a nature which do not figure in the statistical returns of the department of commerce and labor, being American immigrants, American capital and American-established industries. Canada is in better position to drive a reciprocity or a free trade bargain now than she was when Sir Charles Tupper and, later, Sir Wilfrid Laurier journeyed to Washington to dicker for a treaty. "The next negotiations will be in Ottawa," announced Sir Wilfrid when he returned, smarting from his failure.

Hawaii can afford to look with pleasure on the resumption of the free trade talk. An open door into Canada for sugar, pineapples and our other products, out of which could come to us cheaper flour, lumber and feed would be very welcome.

KING LEOPOLD.

King Leopold is dead and few there are who will mourn for him. His life was one of selfishness, of debauchery and of national crime. His sister, Carlotta, once Empress of Mexico, has been insane for years; his daughter, the widow of the Austrian suicide, has had her cup of sorrow full and overflowing, and she has been estranged for years from her father. Friends he had none, and companions only those who wished to share with him the gold wrung out of the miseries of the blacks of the Congo. Few men have so misused their opportunities as Leopold; few men die as little regretted.

NATIONAL SUGAR TO PAY.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—It is reported that the National Sugar Refining Company is prepared to pay to the government seven hundred thousand dollars in duties due on sugar imports that escaped payment by illegal methods.

QUAKERS FOR SUBSIDY.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—A committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution today putting the organization on record in favor of the payment of ship subsidies by the government.

BEWARE OF THE  
COMET'S TAIL

Professor of Astronomy Expects to Be Whisked Off the Earth Next June.

MACON, Missouri, November 20.—Prof. J. Green MacKenzie, teacher of astronomy and sciences in the Atlanta (Macon County) School, has figured it out that Halley's comet will sweep the earth with its tail on June 18.

He says that from 3 to 6 o'clock on that date human life will be wiped out, except those who arrange airtight chambers with means for artificial respiration.

Snakes and other creeping things which can stand noxious vapors may live through it, but the higher order of animals must find refuge now or perish miserably. Professor MacKenzie says:

"Each day brings this luminous visitor 1,000,000 miles in closer relationship with us. By the last of December it will be in plain view to the naked eye, and the new year will be ushered in under its weird glow.

"Not only is our heavenly traveler the most fascinating object astronomers have had before their lenses for many years, but there is a strong element of danger in this tremendous apparition which quickens one's imagination.

"About 3 o'clock in the afternoon of June 18, 1910, the tail of the comet will swing parallel to and across the plane of the elliptic, and in the direct path of the earth. This has never happened before, unless it was in the days of the plagues of Egypt, when Pharaoh was tyrannizing over the Israelites.

"For several hours the earth will be enveloped or deluged by the gaseous fold of the comet's tail, a tail said to be 100,000,000 miles in length. Just what percentage of cyanogen gas will obtain throughout the earth during this contact can not be accurately foretold. Doubtless astronomers will be able to determine the full extent of the danger in time for people to prepare for it.

"If the percentage of gas is any way commensurate with the size of the comet, all oxygen-breathing life will be snuffed out, unless artificial means of respiration are provided during the sweep of the tail across the earth. Reptilia and some of the lower animals which have the power of living in the worst of atmospheres, may survive.

"But I imagine that astronomers will keep the world so fully advised of what is ahead that adequate precautions will be taken among the civilized nations of the earth, and that if found that the danger is imminent, ambassadors will be sent to the heathen lands to warn the people there and arrange for means of preservation."

The astronomer at Macon, Prof. John Cook, who owns a splendid observatory, laughs at the idea of danger from the big comet. He says the earth's atmosphere is so much denser that it would be impossible for the comet's tail to affect the surface. It would be about the same as if one would try to throw a thin pin shaving to the bottom of a well containing 50 feet of water.

"We hope to make many most interesting and important observations during the comet's stay with us," said Professor Cook, "but I apprehend we won't need any cyclone cellars."

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